

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26, 34, 35, 37-70 remain in this application. Claim 27 has been withdrawn. Claims 1-7, 13, 18, 25, 28-33 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice to their patentability.

Claims 66-72 have been renumbered as claims 64-70, respectively, as requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-21, 26, 43-63 and 66-70 (renumbered 68-72) are directed to allowable subject matter.

The Examiner also acknowledged that claims 22-24 were directed to allowable subject matter in the Office Action dated 10/18/2004. Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claim 18 and should be allowable. Claims 23 and 24 depend from claim 22 and should be allowable.

Claim 34 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claim 3 and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 35 depends from claim 34 and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 37 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the original base claim 1 and intervening claims 3 and 34 and is allowable per the Examiner's suggestion. Claims 38-42 depend from claim 34 and are allowable per the Examiner's suggestion.

Applicant is not certain why the Examiner considers the word "time" in claims 34 and 43 to be a typo and respectfully disagrees with same.

No new matter has been added to the application and no new arguments have been presented.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any of the remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312)372-7664.

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Respectfully submitted,

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